

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 95-16

WHEREAS, Willard E. Wilson, Hampton County Council Member, was suspended from office by Executive Order Number 94-31, issued by the Honorable Carroll A. Campbell, Jr. on December 7, 1994; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wilson was convicted of Carrying a Pistol and Assault and Battery of a High and Aggravated Nature on March 1, 1995; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article VI, Section 8 of the South Carolina Constitution, an office shall be declared vacant if any officer of the State or its political subdivisions is indicted by Grand Jury for a crime involving moral turpitude and is ultimately convicted; and

WHEREAS, Code of Laws of South Carolina (1976), as amended, Section 4-9-90 requires a vacancy on a county governing body to be filled by special election if the vacancy occurs 180 days or more prior to the next general election; and

WHEREAS, Code of Laws of South Carolina (1976), as amended, Section 7-13-190 establishes a time frame to be followed for the special election.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Statutes of the State of South Carolina, I hereby declare that the office of Hampton County Council Member currently held by Willard E. Wilson shall be declared vacant.

I further Order that a Special Election shall be held to elect a successor to fill the vacant office as follows:

1. Filing opens - 12:00 noon on March 24, 1995
2. Filing closes - 12:00 noon on April 3, 1995
3. Primary election(s) - May 23, 1995
4. Runoff primaries (if necessary) - June 6, 1995
5. Special election - July 11, 1995.

I further Order that the Hampton County Election Commission and the South Carolina Election Commission shall provide all notices and conduct this election pursuant to the applicable Constitutional and Statutory Authorities of the State of South Carolina.

I further Order that Mr. Kelly Vernace Fox, Route 1, Box 30-AA, Hampton, South Carolina 29924, shall hold the office of Hampton County Councilman until such time as the individual elected to the Hampton County Council in the Special Election referenced above shall take office, pursuant to Code of Laws of South Carolina (1976), as amended, Section 4-11-20.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, THIS 8TH DAY OF MARCH 1995

DAVID M. BEASLEY
Governor

ATTEST:

JAMES M. MILES
Secretary of State

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